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GORHAM MAN SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE CONSPIRACY

Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on January 13, 2006, **SHANE A. CLUTTS**, age 30, of Gorham, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. CLUTTS, who had previously pled guilty to a one-count indictment charging him with conspiracy to manufacture 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, was sentenced to 144 months' imprisonment, 5 years' supervised release and was fined \$600.

The violation took place between May 2003, and May 10, 2005, in Jackson and Perry Counties. Co-defendant CHARLES MICHAEL WADE and STEPHANIE M. RENNISON, have previously been sentenced to 240 months' imprisonment and 87 months' imprisonment, respectively, for their involvement in the methamphetamine conspiracy. Co-defendant MELISSA A. WADE has pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing. Co-defendants RYAN J. STEIN and KENNETH R. GRAFF have pled not guilty and are awaiting jury trial.

The investigation was conducted by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Murphysboro Police Department, and Drug Enforcement Administration pursuant to their participation in the Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. The Perry County Sheriff's Office also assisted in the investigation.

The case was assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution.